

Amendment No. 3 to HB1271

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1270

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-140-302, is amended by adding the following as new subdivisions to be appropriately designated:

() "Community paramedic" means an individual who:

(A) Is licensed as a paramedic that delivers care in emergency and non-urgent pre-hospital settings with oversight of a physician;

(B) Has received specialized training in physiology, disease processes, injury and illness prevention, and medical system navigation, in addition to general paramedic training; and

(C) Meets the requirements for additional licensure as a community paramedic as established by the board;

() "Community paramedicine" means the practice by emergency medical services personnel, primarily in an out-of-hospital setting, that may include the provisions of such services as patient evaluation, advice, treatment directed at preventing or improving a particular medical condition, or referrals to other community resources, which may be provided occasionally or at irregular intervals;

() "Mobile integrated health care" means the provision of health care using patient-centered, mobile resources in the out-of-hospital environment under local medical control as part of a community-based team of health and social services providers to include, but not be limited to, home health organizations and community paramedics;

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SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-140-304, is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

() Establish standards for a community paramedic through promulgation of rules pursuant to the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

These standards shall provide that the evaluation, advice, and treatment are within the scope of practice of emergency medical services personnel when specifically requested or directed by a physician as a means of delivering mobile integrated health care;

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.